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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that copies of the references listed on pages 1-2 are not required since this application was filed after June 30, 2003 pursuant to 51 C.F.R. 1.98. Copies of foreign references and publications listed on page 3 of form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

Applicant would also like to bring commonly-owned U.S. Application Serial No. 10/521,901 filed on January 14, 2005; International Application No. PCT/US04/04685 filed on February 17, 2004; U.S. Application No. 10/959,824 filed on October 6, 2004; International Application No. PCT/US03/37111 filed on November 20, 2003; U.S. Application No. 10/716,776 filed on November 19, 2003 to the Examiner's attention. Copies of these applications are enclosed.

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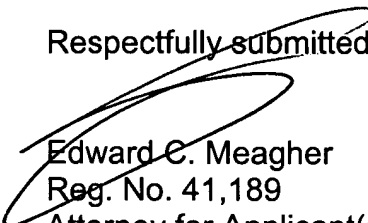
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- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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OTHER DOCUMENTS

	International Search Report from PCT/US03/37111
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